GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE:) Docket No. 656
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS ST. CROIX, INC. APPLICATION TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE USVI) Order No. <u>70</u> /2016)))

<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2016, Level 3 Communications St. Croix, Inc. (hereinafter "Level 3") filed an Application with the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter "PSC" or "Commission") seeking authorization to provide all types of telecommunications services as a (1) IntraLATA Interexchange toll-Facilities-Based Carrier; (2) Competitive Local Exchange Carrier; and (3) Competitive Access Provider throughout the United States Virgin Islands (hereinafter "USVI"); and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the PSC received a Report from its technical consultants, Georgetown Consulting Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard testimony from its staff and Level 3; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2016, the Commission held a Special Meeting in both its offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands and via video and teleconference; and

WHEREAS, on upon review and deliberation, the Commission voted APPROVE Level 3's Application for authorization to operate as a telecommunications provider in the USVI; and

NOWTHERE, the Commission APPROVES the Petition of Level 3 Communications St. Croix, Inc. for authorization to operate as a telecommunications provider in the USVI.

So Ordered.

For the Commission

Date: September 15, 2016

Andrew Rutnik, Vice Chair